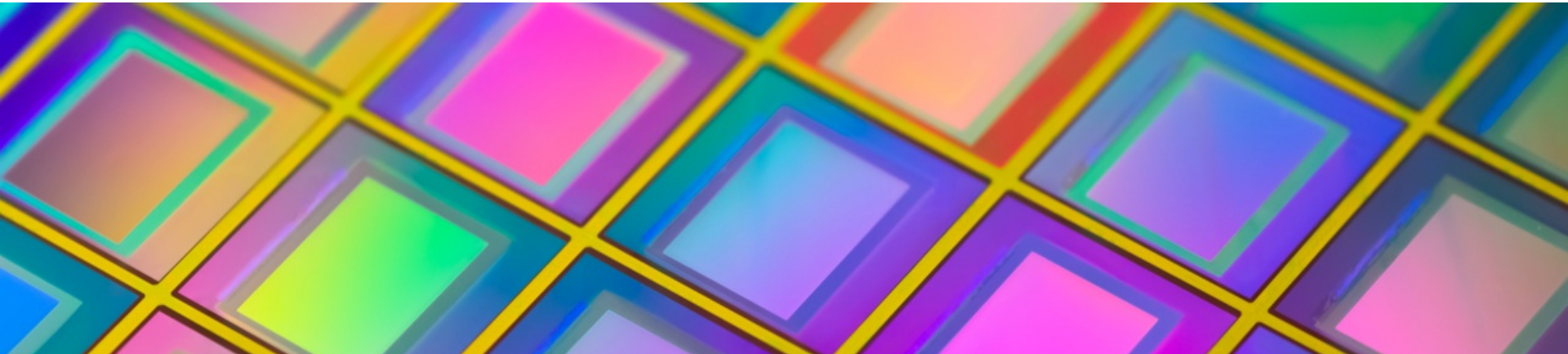




Quantum Dot Based Imagers for Multispectral Cameras and Sensors

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Quantum Dot Based Imaging

- Introduction: Challenges for Silicon in Visible and Infrared Spectra
- Making QuantumFilm
- QuantumFilm Sensor Structure
- Advantages of Visible QuantumFilm
- Advantages of NIR QuantumFilm
- Conclusion and Q&A



Challenges for silicon CMOS cameras in visible light

Digital imaging compromises quality for compactness



Backlit/Shadow

limited dynamic range



Moving camera

rolling shutter effect



Low light

not very sensitive

Reason: Physics - silicon is a poor absorber of light



Challenges for silicon CMOS cameras in infrared light

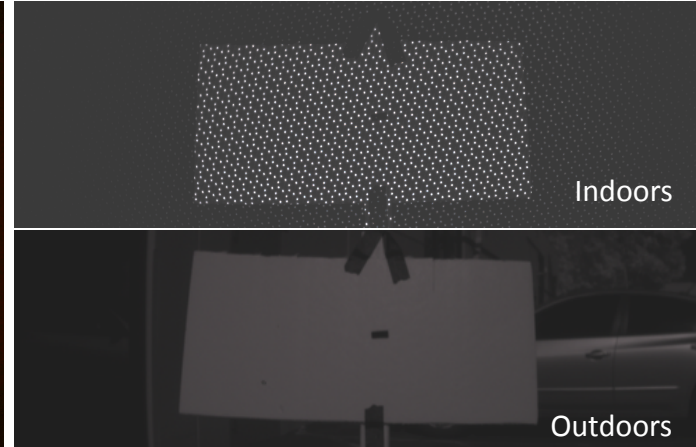
IoT device potential/reach limited by poor silicon NIR performance



Low Resolution/
Sharpness



Active illumination is
still visible (red glow)



Can't Perform
Outdoors

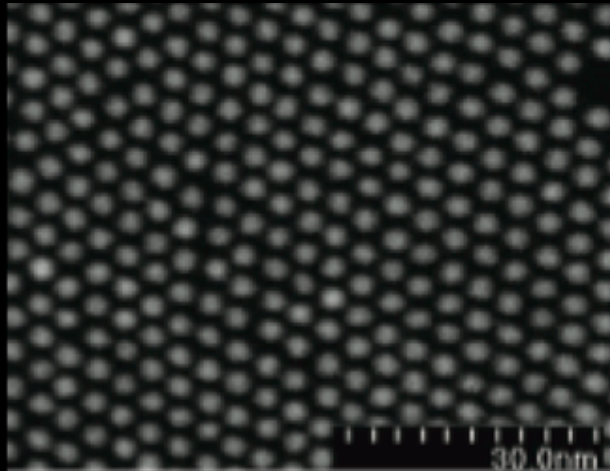
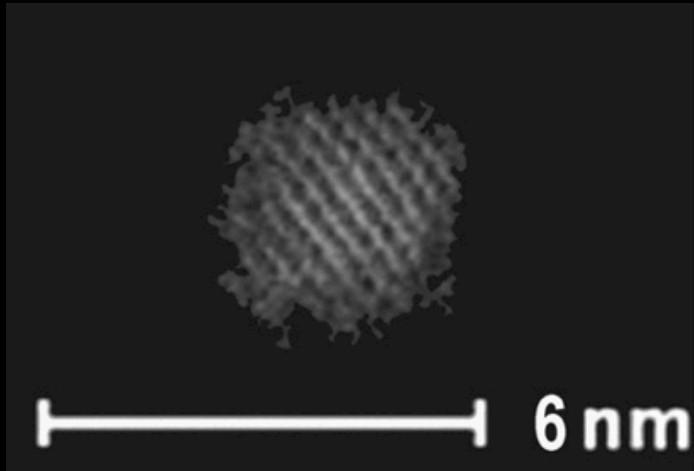




Solution: QuantumFilm

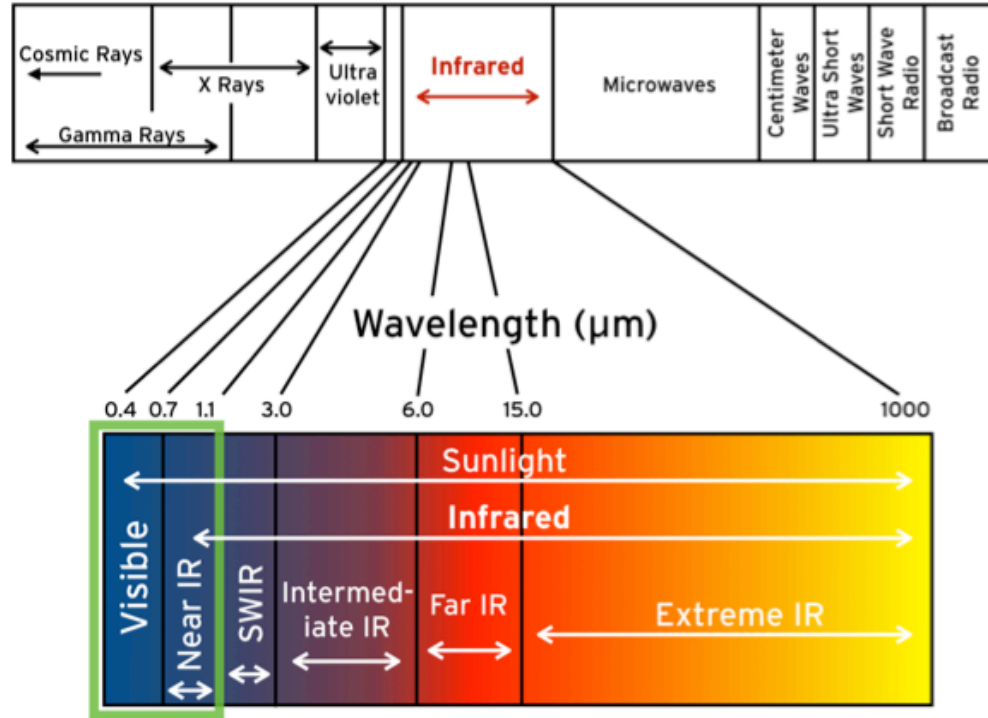


From Quantum Dots to QuantumFilmTM



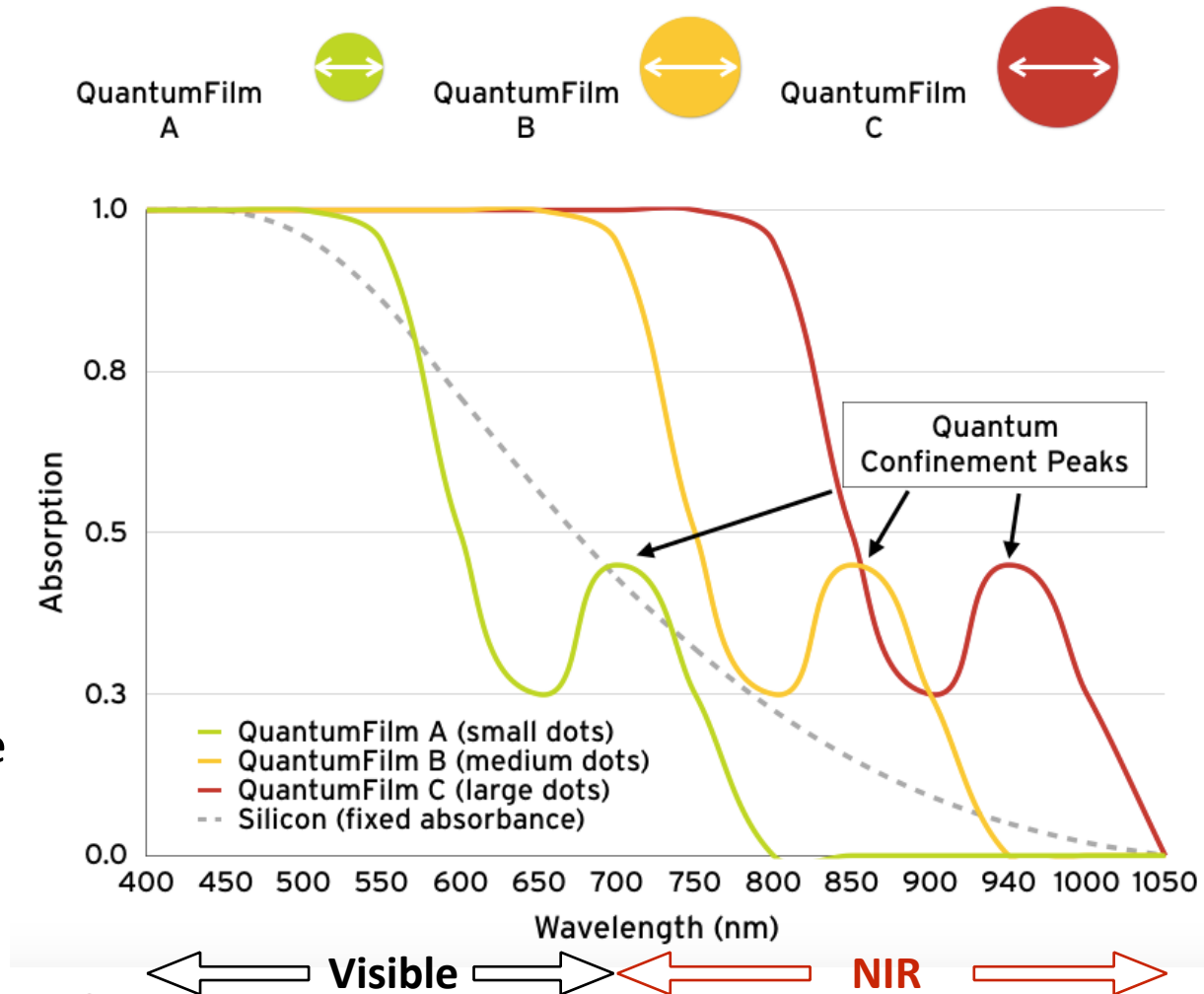
QuantumFilm is Multispectral: Sensitive to visible and near infrared (NIR) light

- QuantumFilm demonstrates superior absorption in visible and NIR light ranges in the electromagnetic spectrum (400-1100 nm, green box).

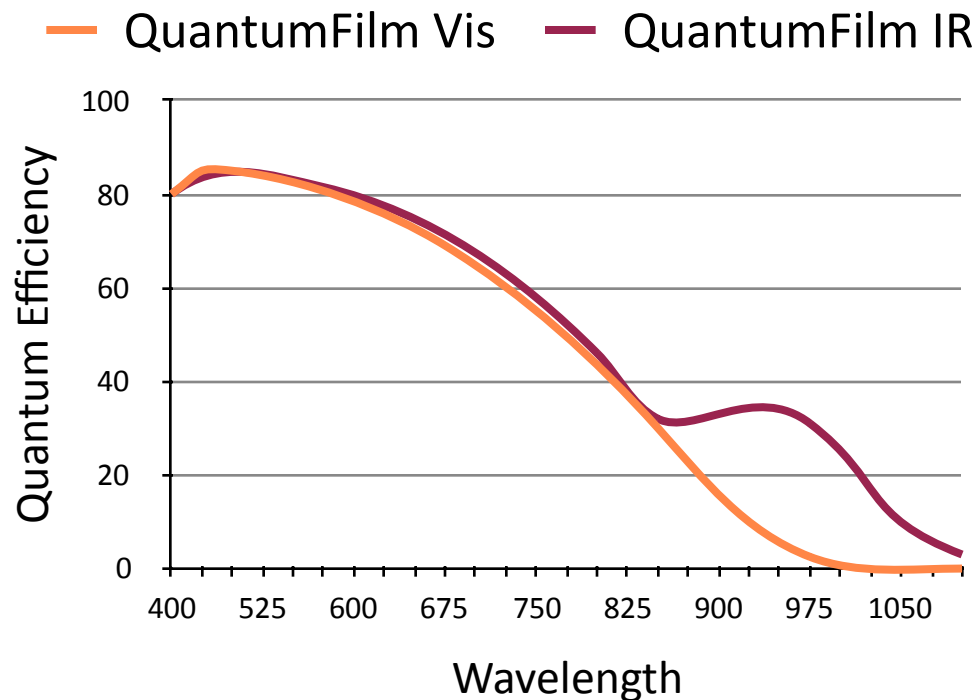


QuantumFilm's spectral sensitivity is adjustable

- Quantum dot size defines material bandgap & absorbance properties across spectrum
- Dot size can be selected to maximize light absorbance in NIR range
- Silicon has fixed absorbance properties across spectrum; its absorbance falls rapidly in NIR range



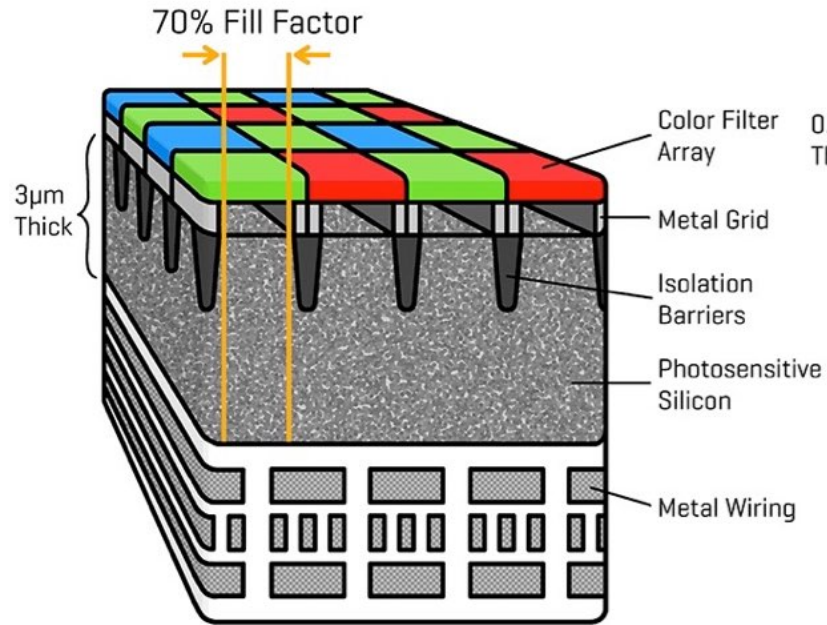
Quantum Dots Capture a Wide Spectrum



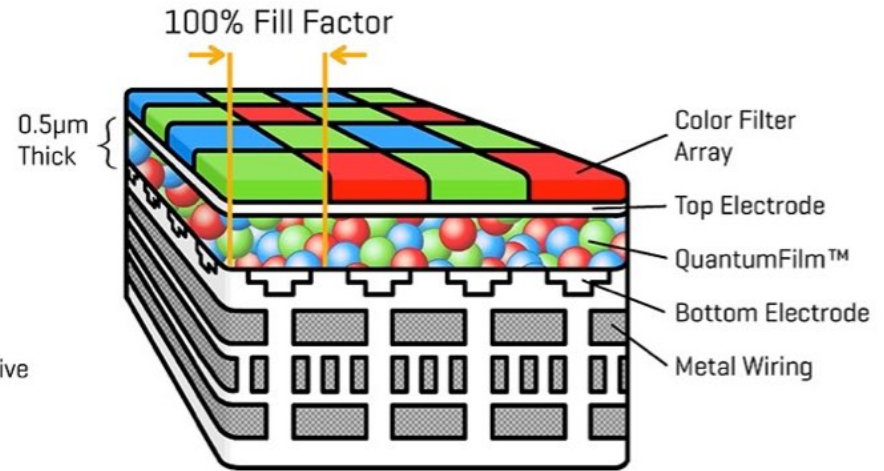
- Quantum Efficiency (QE) = Percentage of photons detected by a sensor and converted to electrons
- Quantum dots have extremely high QE in **both the visible and IR** spectra.



BSI technology vs QuantumFilmTM



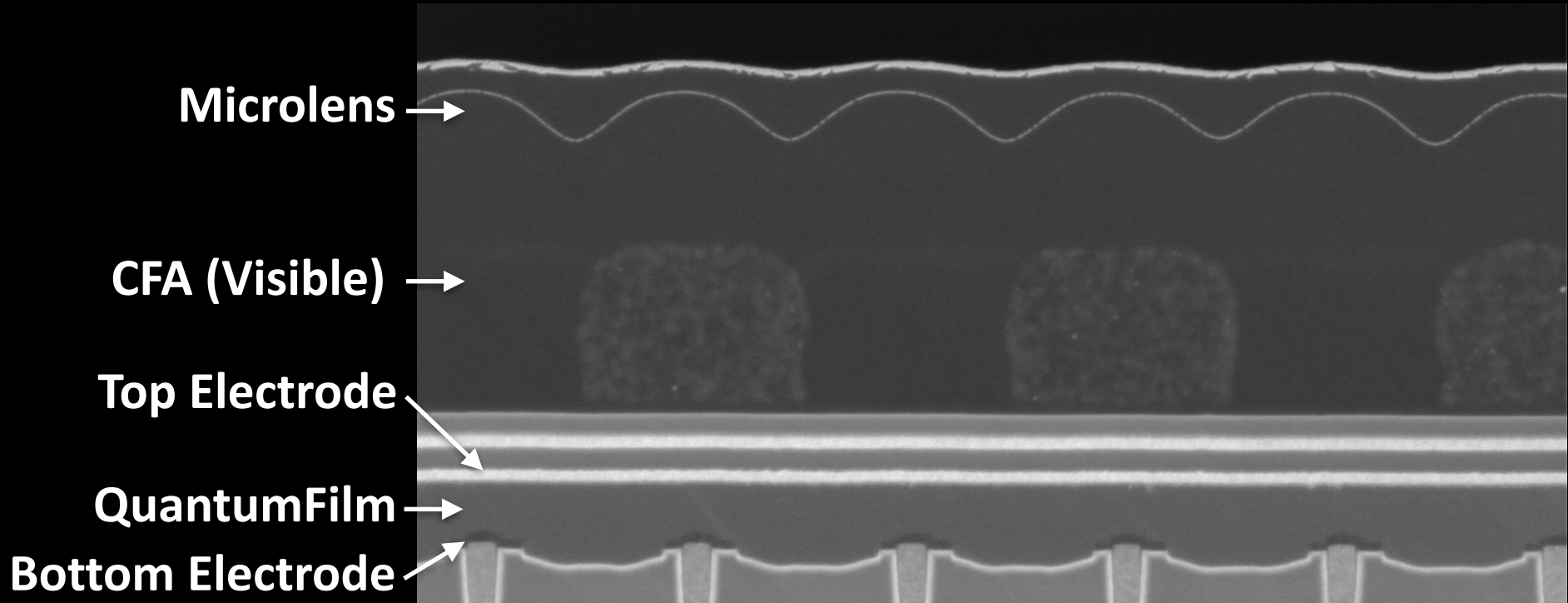
CMOS BSI technology



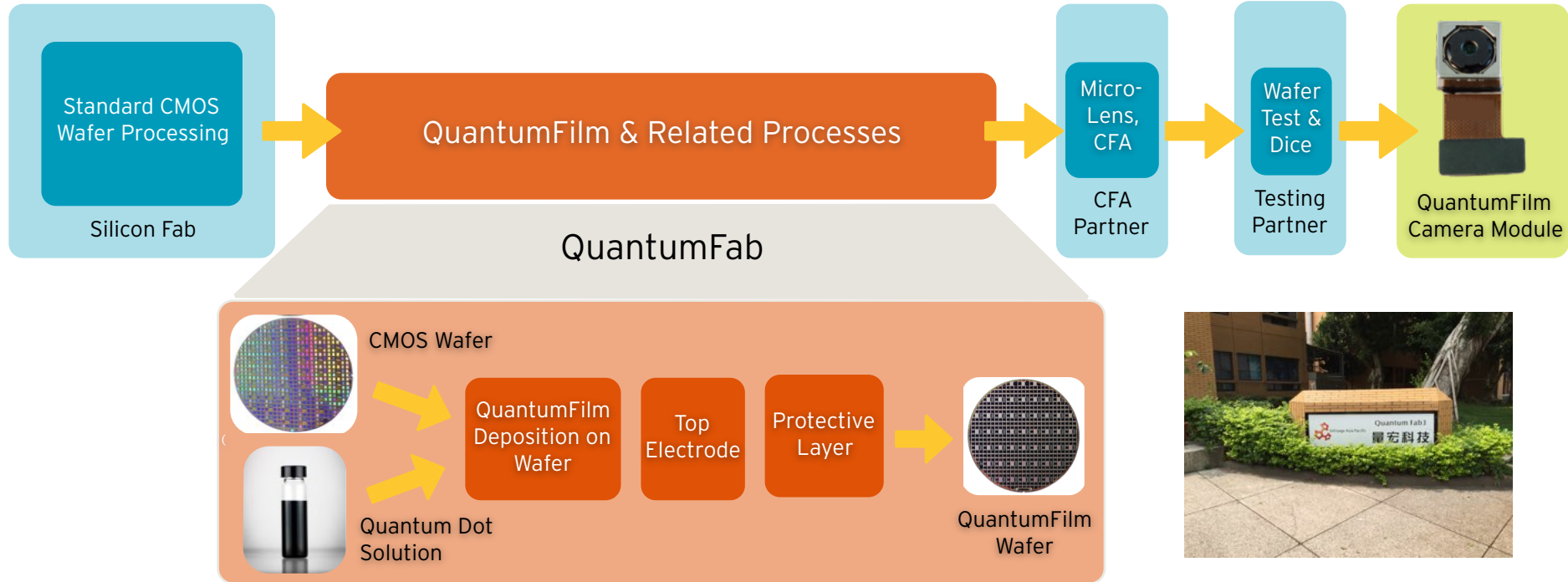
QuantumFilmTM technology



QuantumFilm Cross-Section

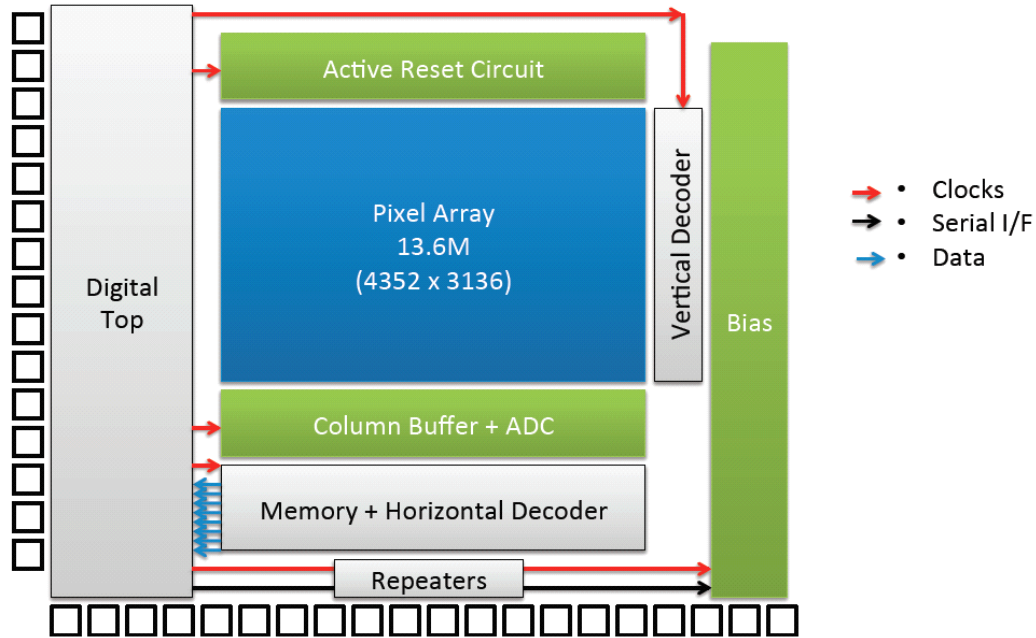


QuantumFilm Sensor Manufacturing Supply Chain

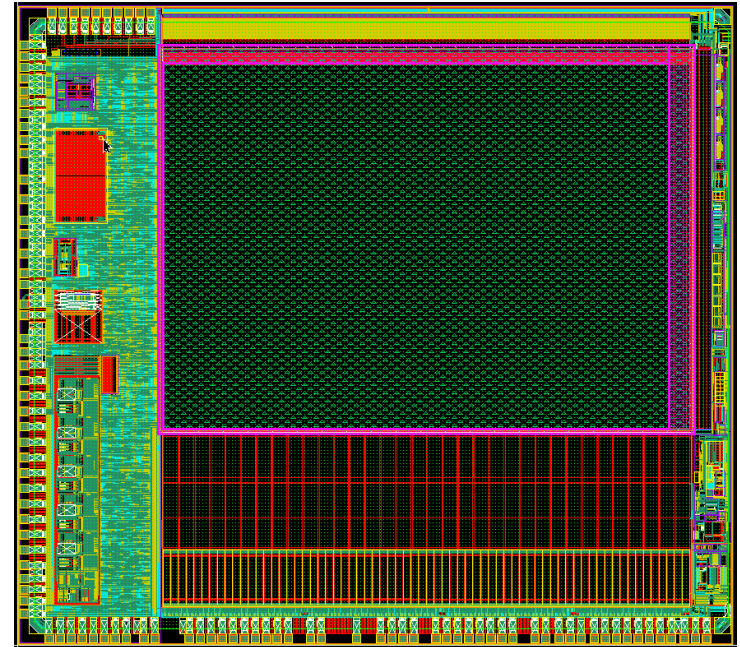


Sensor Typical Chip Architecture

Block Level Diagram



Layout of a 13MP sensor



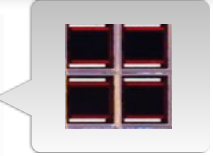
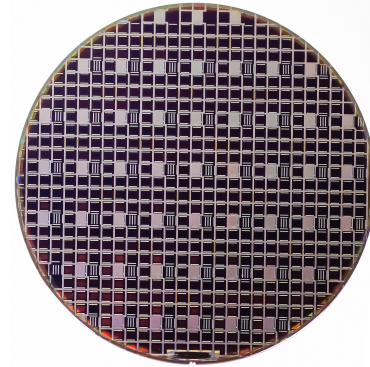
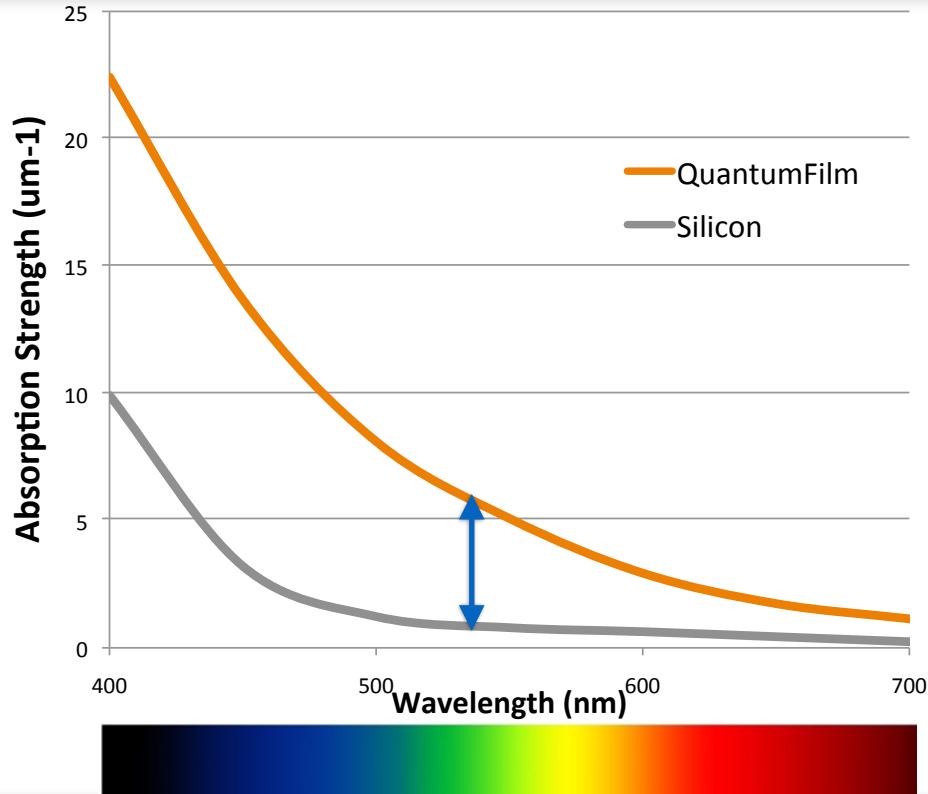


QuantumFilm Advantages vs. Silicon in Visible

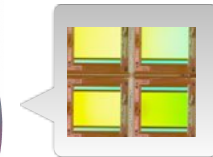
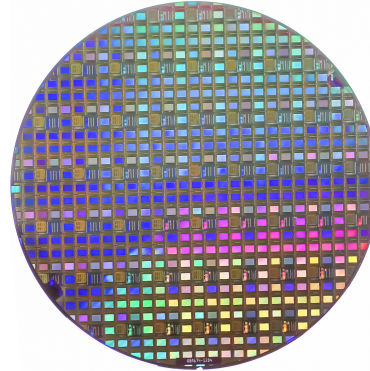


Visible QuantumFilm Advantages:

Sensitivity - QuantumFilm absorbs 8X more light than silicon



Wafer with QuantumFilm



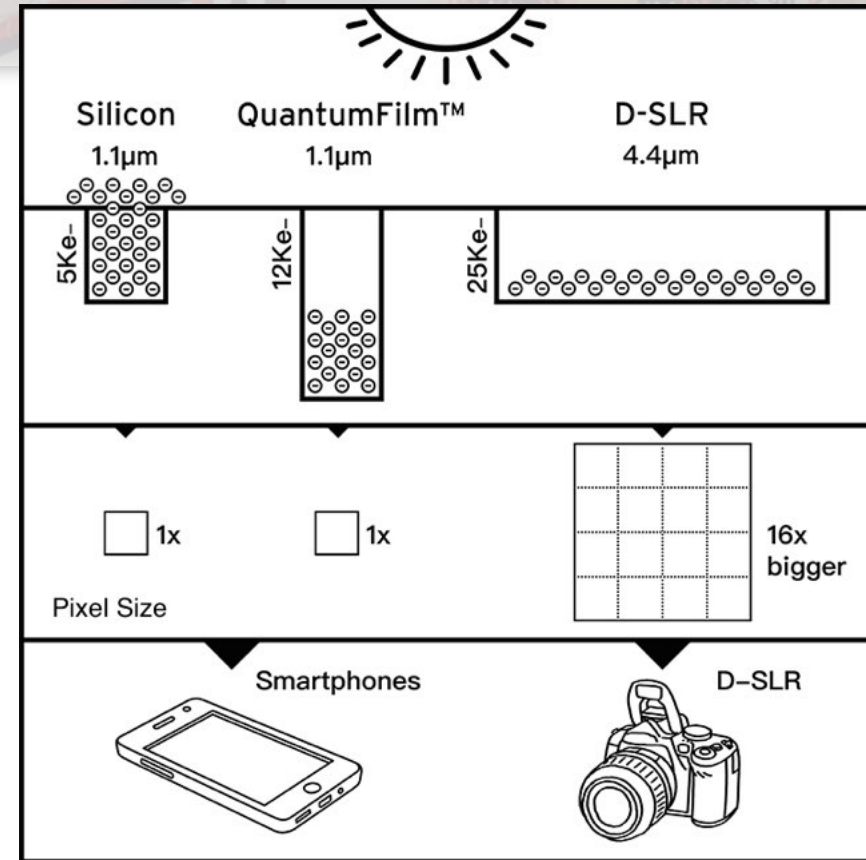
Silicon Substrate



Visible QuantumFilm Advantages: Larger Full Well Capacity

**Higher Full Well Capacity (FWC) —>
Increased Dynamic Range**

- QuantumFilm FWC = **12,000 e⁻/1.1 μm pixel**
- Silicon FWC = **5,000 e⁻/1.1 μm pixel**



Visible QuantumFilm Advantages: in-pixel dynamic range compression

Native Non-Linear Response —> Increased Dynamic Range

- QuantumFilm can respond to light in a **linear or non-linear** fashion
- Non-linear curve matches the curve of old cameras films in the highlights and can be linearized to reveal details





High quality phone with
Silicon CMOS camera

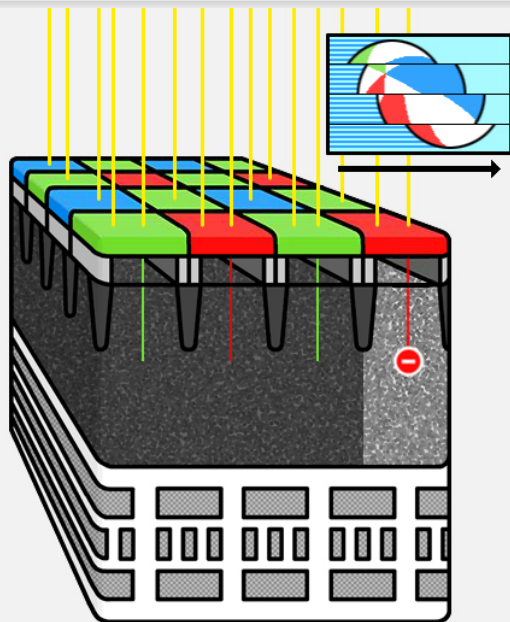


Kodak
Film

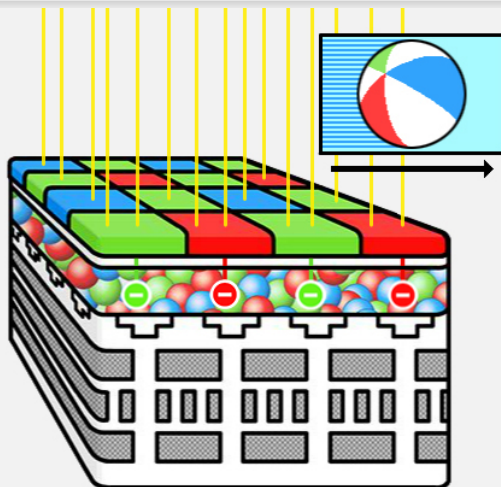


QuantumFilm

Visible QuantumFilm Advantages: Global Shutter with Small Pixels



Rolling Shutter



Global Shutter



QuantumFilm



iPhone6

High Resolution + Global Shutter

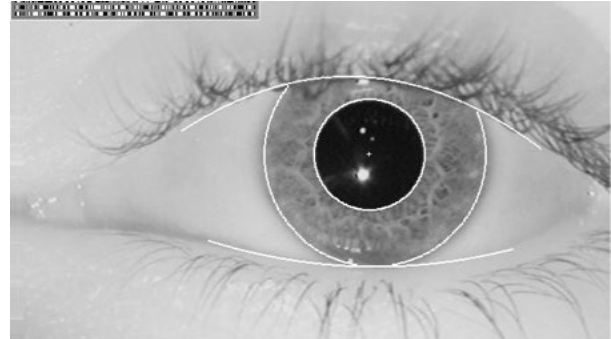
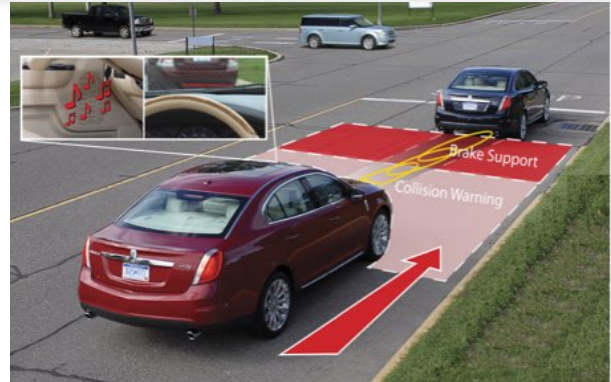
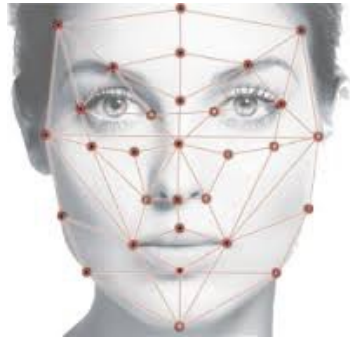




QuantumFilm Advantages vs. Silicon in Near Infrared



In 2020, 30B IoT devices will transform our lives



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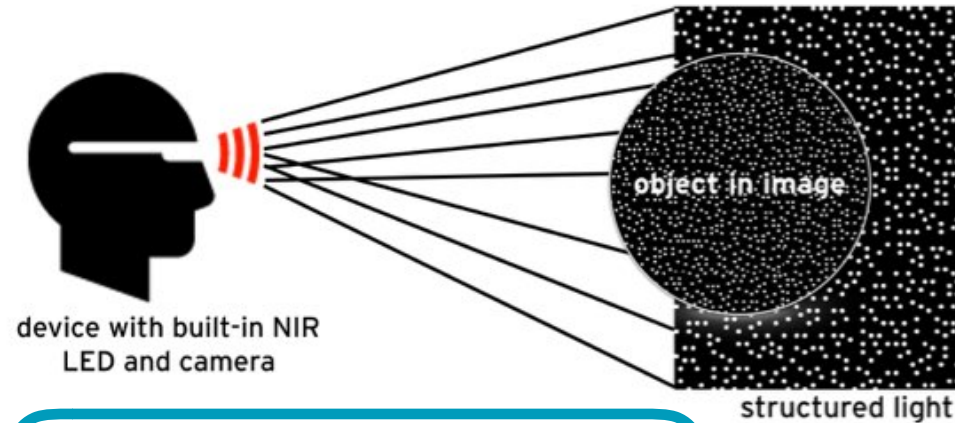


InVisage Technologies, Inc.

Why IoT and machine vision need infrared

- **Structured light** or active illumination senses **depth and distance**
- IR light:
 - is unobtrusive - **invisible to the human eye** beyond 880 nm
 - can be made **visible to IoT devices**, even in the dark

How Near-Infrared Structured Light Works



Applications

- Authentication
- Collision avoidance/3D mapping
- Augmented Reality

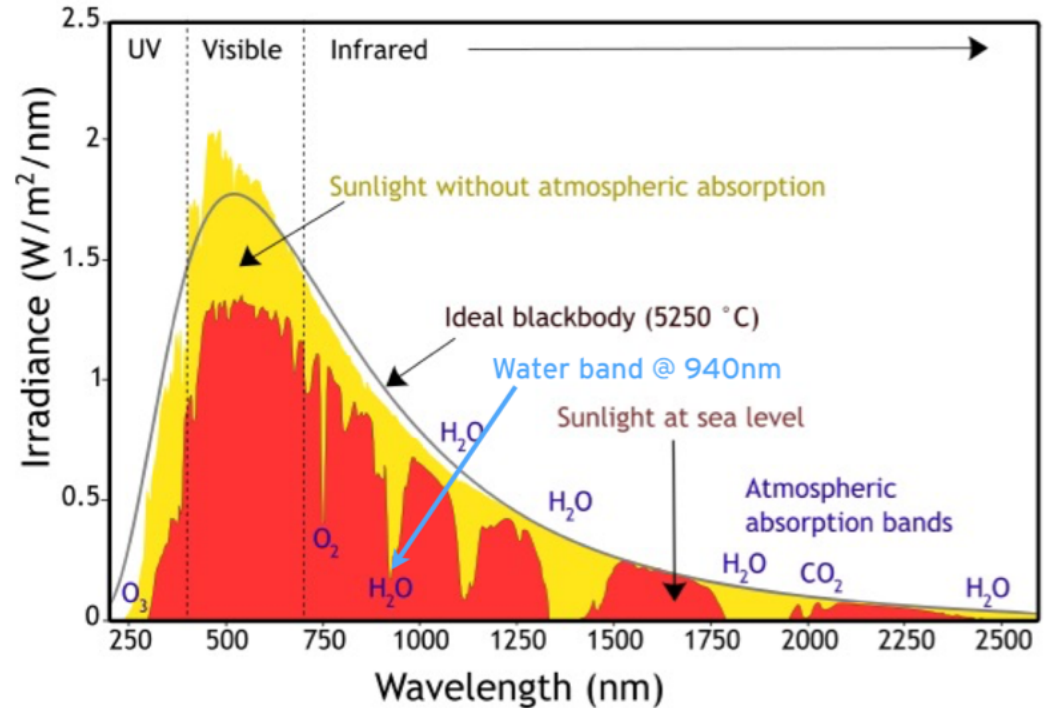


NIR light - Why is 940 nm better?

940 nm = water band

- Totally invisible IR light (no red glow after 880 nm)
- Minimizes structured light interference with human sight and sunlight

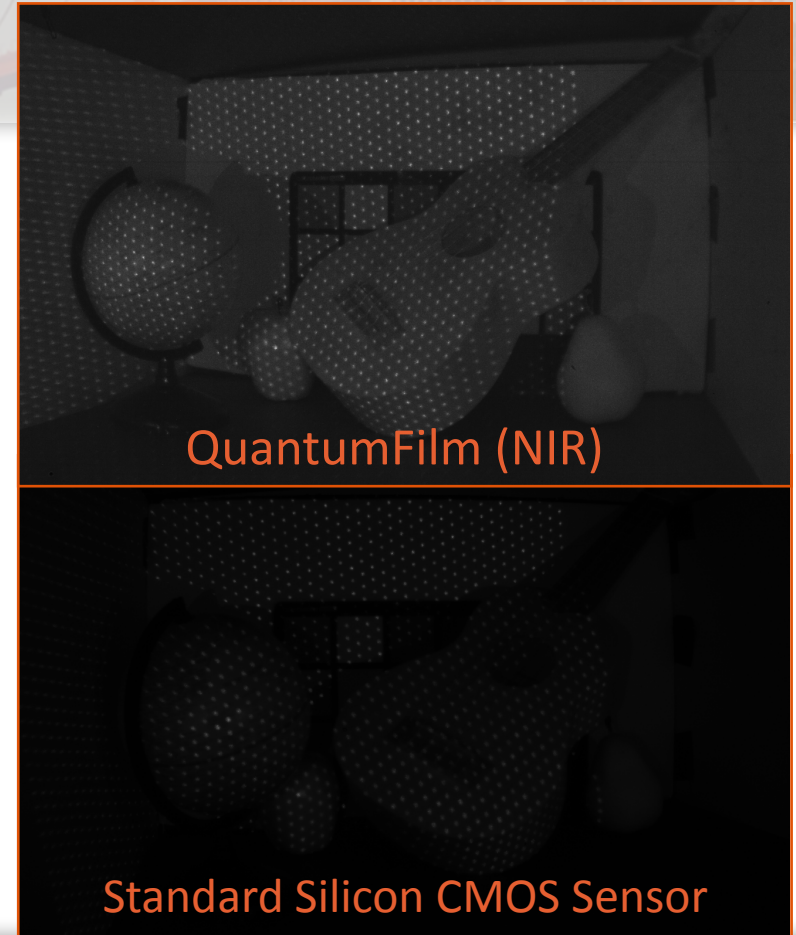
Spectrum of Solar Radiation (Earth)



NIR QuantumFilm Advantages: Sensitivity

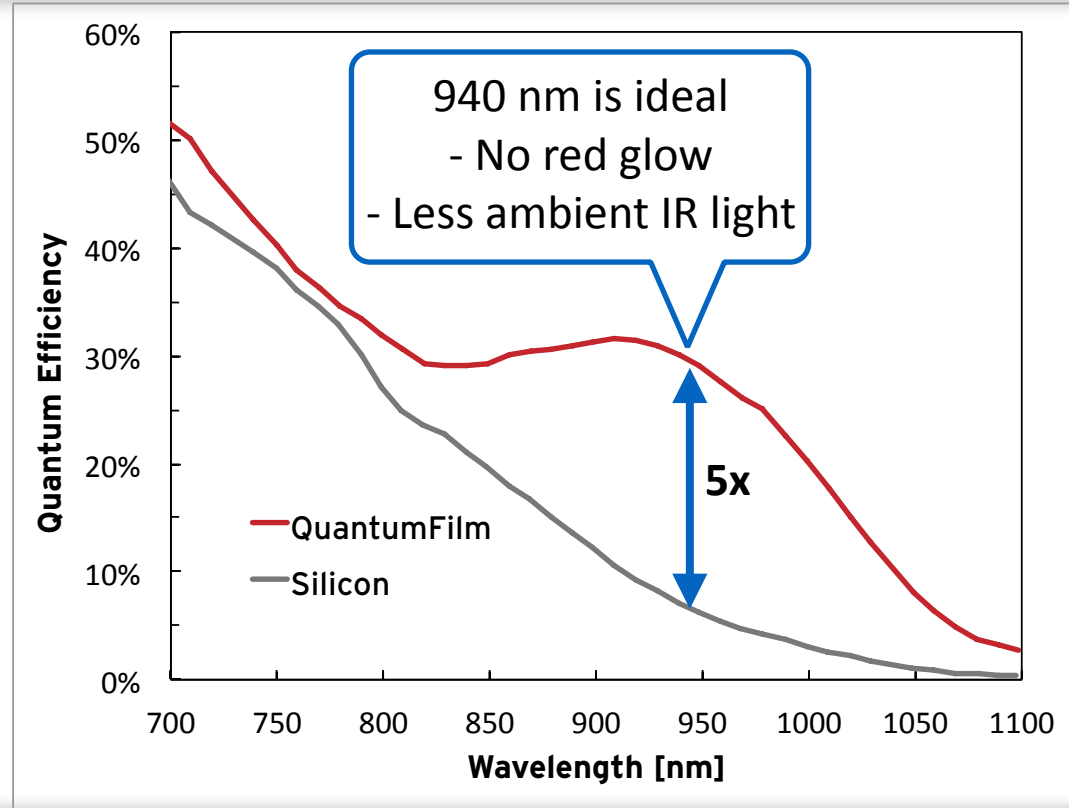
**Higher sensitivity —> Increased
NIR light absorption**

- NIR QuantumFilm quantum efficiency (QE) at 940 nm = **35%**
- Silicon QE at 940 nm = **8%**



NIR QuantumFilm Advantages: Sensitivity

- QuantumFilm has 5X sensitivity to NIR light at 940 nm
- Silicon sensitivity decreases in linear fashion further into IR, hence past reliance on 850 nm (visible) over 940 nm (invisible) operation



NIR QuantumFilm Advantages: Resolution

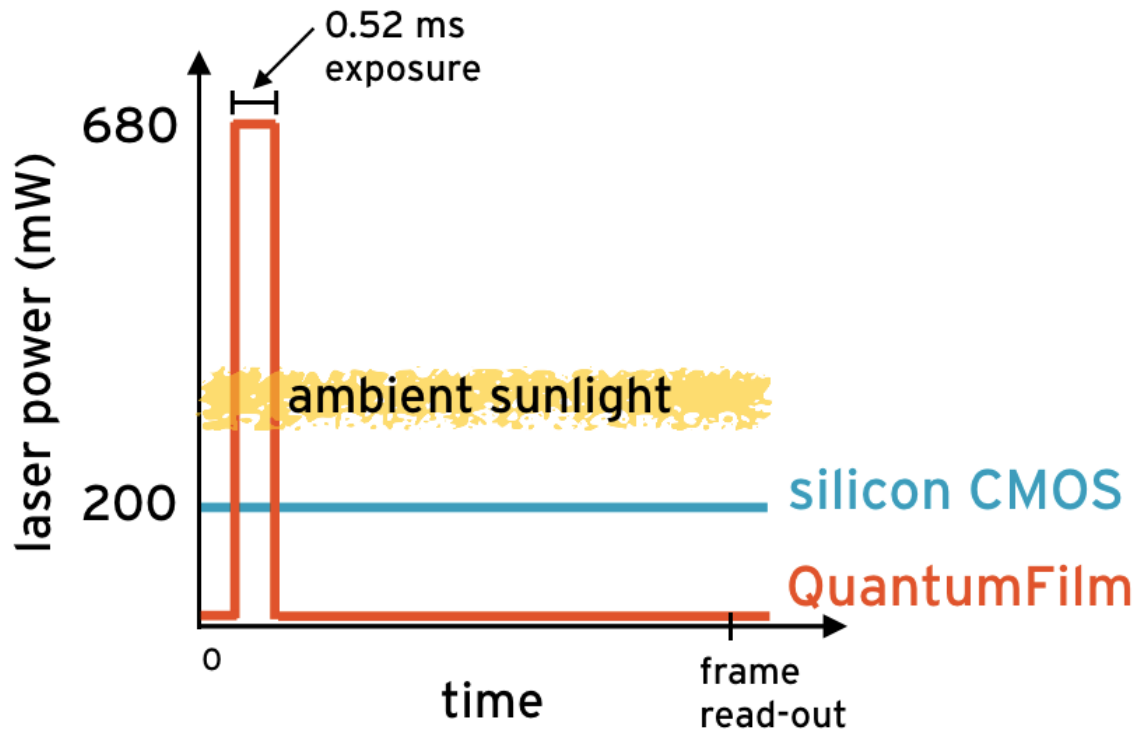
**Higher Sensitivity —> Smaller Pixels —>
Higher Resolution**

- QuantumFilm NIR sensor pixel size = **1.1 μm**
- Silicon NIR sensor pixel size = **3 μm**

Drone with
structured
light (850
nm) at 10 m
distance.



NIR QuantumFilm Advantages: Global Shutter - Power Savings



QuantumFilm's global shutter minimizes system power usage

- QuantumFilm camera system laser power consumption = **8 mW**
- Silicon camera system laser power consumption = **200 mW**

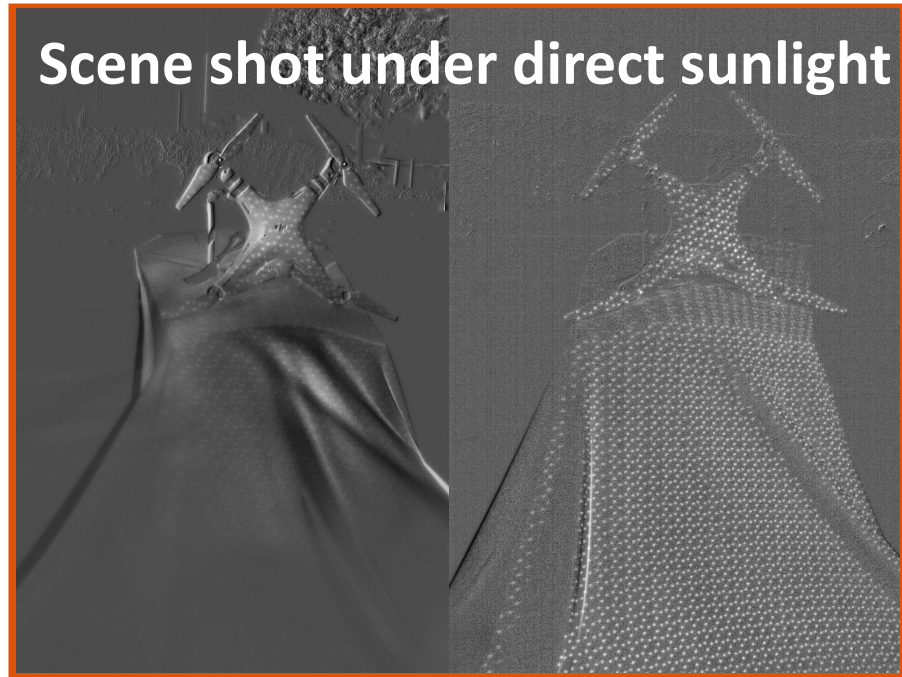


NIR QuantumFilm Advantages: Global Shutter - Outdoor Performance

Global shutter + high sensitivity enables NIR applications outdoors

- >50% of sunlight is IR
- Saturation prevents silicon NIR sensor operation outdoors
- Pulsing at a higher peak power allows for **99% sun irradiance rejection**

Scene shot under direct sunlight

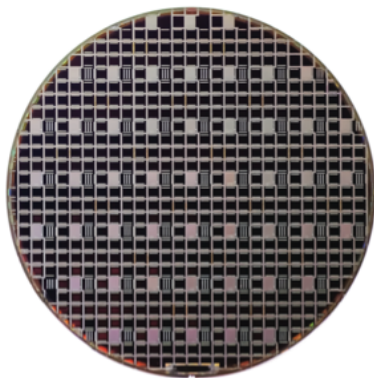


Silicon RS 850 nm
No structured light info

QuantumFilm GS 850 nm
Valid structured light info



The QuantumFilm Development Process for Multispectral Cameras “from dots to images”



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QuantumFilm
wafer
integration

QuantumFilm
camera
modules

Integration into mobile,
IoT and Pro platforms



Thank you!



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